What is claimed is:

- A sample container, comprising:
  - a closed end;
  - an opened end; and
- a closure assembly, wherein said closed end and said opened end are substantially equal in diameter and said closure assembly releasably seals said opened end.
- 2. The container of claim 1, wherein said container is cylindrical.
- 3. The container of claim 1, wherein said container further includes a lug surface and a vertical inner surface disposed at said opened end.
- 4. The container of claim 1, wherein said closure assembly comprises:
  - a handle;
  - a flange;
  - a hold down ring;
  - a sealing ring; and
  - a bottom support.
- 5. The container of claim 4, wherein said hold down ring is a flexible material.

- 6. The container of claim 4, wherein said sealing ring is an O-ring.
- 7. The container of claim 5, wherein said hold down ring is concave on one side.
- 8. The container of claim 4, wherein said flange includes at least one stop and at least one slot.
- 9. The container of claim 4, wherein said handle comprises a closed finger for locking and an open finger for unlocking said closure assembly on said container.
- 10. The container of claim 9, wherein said handle includes a male threaded bottom surface.
- 11. The container of claim 10, wherein said bottom support includes a key protrusion and a female threaded top surface.
- 12. A method of sealing a centrifuge sample container, comprising the steps of:

providing a closure assembly comprising a handle; a flange; a hold down ring; a sealing ring; and a bottom support;

placing said sealing ring on said bottom

support;

placing said hold down ring on said sealing ring;

inserting said flange onto said bottom sandwiching said sealing ring and said hold down ring in-between;

connecting said handle to said bottom support; and

inserting the closure assembly into an opened end of the sample container.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

rotating the closure assembly to a locked position to effect a static seal.

- 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said sealing ring is an O-ring.
- 15. The method of claim 13, wherein said hold down ring is concave on one side and is a flexible material.
- 16. The method of claim 13, wherein said flange includes at least one stop and at least one slot.
- 17. The method of claim 13, wherein said handle and said bottom support are complimentary threaded.

- 18. The method of claim 13, wherein said bottom support includes a key protrusion.
- 19. A sample container, comprising:
  means for locking said container;
  means for sealing said container; and
  means for unlocking said container.
- 20. The container of claim 19, wherein said means for locking is a closed finger.
- 21. The container of claim 19, wherein said means for sealing is an O-ring.
- 22. The container of claim 19, wherein said means for unlocking is an open finger.